[Organization and Content of the Tiwi File]

[This file has 9 sources by 6 different authors. Of these, three offer general accounts (1:Hart and Pilling; 5:Basedow and 9:Harkney and Elkin) while the remaining works deal with more limited aspects of Tiwi culture. Hart and Pilling offer some particularly interesting data on manipulations for social status and its connections with marriage and feuds; the Harkney and Elkin source provides a convenient short-hand introduction to Tiwi culture; while Basedow gives the only detailed information on material culture and physical characteristics. All three sources contain more general ethnographic data as well. Mountford (2) is an account of Tiwi art and religion and contains information on myths, and ceremonies along with a number of excellent plates. The two Fry sources (7 and 8) deal respectively with mourning rites and initiation ceremonies. The three remaining articles by Hart deal with community organization and matrilineal totemic clans, (3),the latter corresponding to OCM category 614, Sibs; personal names (4), and a description of the personalities of five Tiwi brothers (6). The file as a whole provides the best coverage on ceremonies, art, marriage practices, social status, feuds, and local organization. However there is very little material on kinship relations, personality development, economic organization and material culture.]

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